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TOWN GOVERNMENT

The governing Board of Monterey is the Selectmen, and from time to time they will, through this medium, bring to you pertinent information regarding the welfare and progress of your community.

In response to many questions, Robert Gauthier, Chairman of the Board of Health, wishes to advise as follows:

1. Approval is not necessary by the Board to have a Septic System cleaned. However the person engaged to do the cleaning must obtain a permit each year. Most septic tanks should be cleaned every two years.

2. Permits are required for all new systems before the work can start. Permits are also required for repairs to individual septic systems.

When considering any installation or work contract, it is important to determine if a permit is necessary.

POLLUTION

Many people are aware of the pollution problem, but haven't as yet realized the extent or the urgency--or cost of it. The problem, which should be a major concern to all, is met with apathy. People aren't in the habit of thinking in terms of their environment, only in terms of human beings. They realize esthetics are priceless, but feel that animals, trees and plants are a luxury we can do without. Yet it is evident that to some persons the quality of the environment has become a concern as never before. In two years time the Town of Monterey has cut off 14 sources of pollution of the Konkapot River. The record is one we suspect few small communities can match. Perhaps with ideas, as with fashions, a new trend has to catch on strong with a minority before it can spread to the majority.

OUR SCHOOLS: Mt. Everett Regional High School. . . The winner of the D.A.R. Good Citizen award was Miss Lynn O'Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Monterey. The Senior class nominated three girls for this award, and the faculty chose the winner, based on dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Miss O'Connell is President of the National Honor Society, Executive Editor of the Year Book, Literary Editor of the school newspaper, Stage Manager of the Senior play, co-captain of the field hockey team and member of the Future Scientist Club. We congratulate you, Miss O'Connell!!!

Sheffield Center School. . . Recently the Boston Ballet presented "Peter and the Wolf" for the children of the school, which was thoroughly enjoyed. It was presented at Mt. Everett Regional School by arrangement with the Berkshire Regional Educational Theatre.

A note of appreciation was sent to the Squaw Peak Travel Agency for donating to them the many lovely travel posters which decorate the school hallways.

The Mount Everett Senior Class will present their play, "Erasmus--with Freckles", on April 16th. and 17th., a three-act comedy. The main character parts are portrayed by Jared Willets, Pat Kelly, Jean Chapin, Chris Salzman, Jean Alvares, Sally Turner, Mitch Smith, Marcia Pachlich, Joanne Bangs, and Tom Thorn. Let's support these students with a good showing of parents, teachers, friends and neighbors at the performances.

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OUR SCHOOLS (cont'd)

GOOD TO KNOW. . . Every ten years the New England Association of Colleges and secondary schools has a re-evaluation period to check school system standards. The Mt. Everett Regional High School has had two half days in March for this purpose. Each teacher and all areas of development are extensively tested and checked. The Mt. Everett school system has met all the standards of the association and remains an accredited school.

MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Now available at the Library is the engineering report on the Lake Garfield Dam Project by Robert G. Brown and Associates. . . The loss, by fire, of the Bookmobile will affect us greatly. A letter to Rep. Sidney Q. Curtiss, asking him if there are any funds in Boston with which to replace the Bookmobile and books might help. . The Trustees re-elected Anne Marie Makuc, Chairman, and Margaret McLaughlin, Secretary, at their organizational meeting. . Miss Della Tryon will be missed by the board. She contributed many years of devoted interest to the Library. Edward LeComte was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Tryon's death. Mr. LeComte, author and teacher, should prove a valuable addition to the Board.

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS CHAPEL

During the winter months Sunday Mass will be held at 10 a.m. at Mill River.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

During Lent, Mass on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

Mass during Lent on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Calendar: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION: The ancient "Office of Tenebrae" is to be used in celebrating the Maundy Thursday Communion on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. This practice dates back to the fourth century and points to the darkness of the crucifixion. A number of men in the congregation will assist in the service to recreate a scene reminiscent of the Last Supper.

On GOOD FRIDAY the Monterey Church is to be open from 12 to 3 p.m. Some literature for meditation will be prepared. Worshipers may come and go as they wish.

EASTER WORSHIP is at 10:30 a.m. The sermon to be entitled "The Promise He Promised." Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will sing.

COMMUNITY EASTER BREAKFAST will be held on Easter morning at 9 a.m. The Monterey Youth Group is sponsoring the breakfast, to which all in the community are invited. This has become a community event and many look forward to it. Won't you come for breakfast?

FOLK WORSHIP WINS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE. . . The folk worship presented by the youth of the United Church on March 15 gained a more enthusiastic reception than anticipated. Many expressions of appreciation were given as worshipers were leaving the church.

Needless to say the favorable response was not universal. One described it as "not in my language." Still another spoke of it as an "entertainment" but felt this would have been corrected with more provision for the congregation to join in the singing.

Among the enthusiastic responses, Dr. Brallier the pastor, noted there was no significant division in age. Some of the oldest persons present were most hearty in their praise of this new form and in their appreciation for the labors of the young people who made the service possible. Dr. Brallier said that the service will be reviewed by the parish council. He anticipates that more flexibility in worship forms, such as in this one will characterize the church of the future.

OUR BOY SCOUTS:

For our first edition of the town's newspaper I will first acquaint you with the Scout Troop. We are Troop 39 made up of boys from Monterey and New Marlboro, consisting of 18 boys. We meet at the Berkshire Hatchery on River Road Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Our Troop Committee consists of Mr. Erwin Clark, Committee Chairman; Mr. William Fennell, Institutional Representative; Mr. William Hall, Rev. John Gaskill, Rev. Virgil Brallier, Mr. Peter Brown, and Mr. William Mielke--Advancement Committee.

The troop has been in existence for six years and last month held a Court of Honor and supper for our first two Eagle Scouts of the troop, Eagle Scout W. David Campbell and Eagle Scout Douglas D. Lyman. On Scout Sunday the presentation of the God and Country Award was made to Matthew Clark of New Marlboro.

Last Monday evening three boys were chosen by the troop to join the Order of the Arrow: Jay Amidon, Rick Hall, and David Dempsey.

Future plans are for a card party at the Hillside Restaurant April 7 at 7 p.m., and a four-day trip to East Indies Pond April 23 to 26.

Spring and summer are coming fast and we are planning for roadside cleanup and various other conservation projects.

CUB-SCOUT NEWS. . . . The first Blue and Gold Banquet was held last month. Combined efforts of the Otis and Monterey Packs made this covered dish supper a wild success. 120 children and their parents attended.

Mark Makuc received his Bobcat pin, and Danny Andrus won one of the prizes for "the project of the month."

MARK TWAIN SAID: "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

CONSERVATION:

This is advocated and supported by many people, yet some of these same people decide which of our birds are "No good!" The good Lord but all of our feathered friends here, and with his help will solve any problems they may have. Please, let us not interfere, especially WITH A GUN!!

SMILE POWER

When a boy returns home after a dentist's visit and says, "Look, Ma, no more cavities!" it may be for the simple reason that he has no more teeth.

Yet this happens when kids maintain a steady diet of candy bars, etc. Their teeth will, in time, take on the appearance of Swiss cheese, soft, yellow, and all full of holes. Some states in New England are observing National Children's Dental Health Week. It's a good time to remind parents about a dental misconception--the belief that it is not important to take care of a child's "baby" or primary teeth because they will be replaced eventually.

The primary teeth, says the dental authorities, maintain the shape of the jaws so that permanent teeth will erupt in the proper position. They are also needed for proper chewing and speech. It is advised that children start dental visits when their primary teeth appear, and early dental problems should be corrected before more serious and expensive treatment is required.

HELP WANTED (MALE OR FEMALE) !! Easter Bunny for annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held Easter Sunday, 2 p.m., on Brookbend-Van Horn side lawns. Call Maryellen Brown, 528-1598.

NEWS BITS:

Very soon the Monterey Fire Department will be giving a complete course in First Aid. This course will be open to men and women of Monterey and anyone interested is invited to attend. As soon as the time has been set it will be announced in our column.

PHILERGIANS MEETING, Thursday, April 2, 8 p.m. with Ann Van Horn. Program is "Getting to know you." Each one should bring a picture of herself from the "good old days."

GOURMET CORNER:

Spicy Apple Bars

- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
- 2 unbeaten eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{3}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{3}$ teaspoon nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup rolled oats
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups diced apples
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts

Put all ingredients except apples and nuts in a bowl and mix well. (Mixture will be thick.) Stir in apples and nuts. Bake in a 9-inch square greased pan at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

I HEARD IT SAID: The nicest thing about an egotist: He never goes around talking about other people!

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Over the years several attempts had been made to organize a group of people interested in the history of Monterey. However it wasn't until 1960 when Della and Nina Tryon invited all people interested in Monterey history to a meeting in the old Tea Room. About twenty attended and the older residents told stories of families and life in earlier years. The following year Mrs. Giddings of Gt. Barrington told of the organization and its plans. More people became interested with the help of Mrs. Leah Bolm. The Monterey Historical Society was incorporated in 1963. The purpose "shall be to bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of Monterey."

Since then the Society has grown in membership, acquired many valuable artifacts and has instilled an awareness in the village and country. In future articles a little history of the village and its families will be included.

THE TRADING POST

Anyone interested in collecting stamps: I have albums and American and foreign stamps. Will swop for old glass or china, or sell. 528-2656 *best use*

Will buy or swop mint U.S. stamps. 528-4020.

For sale: Vegematic Food Preparer. \$1.00. 528-2554.

Maple Hutch, medium size. Excellent condition. \$35.00 528-2656

Victorian sofa with hand-carved back. Excellent condition. 528-2656

Will sell or trade--Pine dry sink, no so old, Pine Commode--old. Complete set of Hawthorne. 528-2656

Ski, Motorcycle, Car Magazines--10¢ each!! 528-2300.

YESTERDAY:

Flowing blue ironstone has become increasingly popular within fairly recent months. Once produced by many potteries, it is still accessible at prices that might be characterized as "relatively reasonable."

This ware, usually referred to as flow blue, is a stone china first made in England's Staffordshire district early last century. Oriental pattern designs are applied to its surface with colors. These colors tend to run or spread when exposed to chloride vapors in the kiln.

Pieces are often found marked "Stone China" or "Pearl Stone", together with the name of the potter. Perhaps the most commonplace pattern is that featuring a temple, tree, bridge, and, often, a boat. There are numerous types of borders. Among the potteries that turned out flow blue wares were William Adams, Ridgways, Davenport and others. Other patterns featured included floral ones, geometric designs and shells. Because large quantities of this ware were imported into the United States, it is still possible to find, although it may take some doing to complete a set in the same pattern.

WINTER AND THE ROADS:

This year, despite the snows of December and January's bitter cold, the Highway Department has no reason to believe the situation will be any worse than usual. The most destructive winters, in terms of highway damage, are those in which there are numerous cycles of freeze and thaw. Under these conditions the roads are flexed repeatedly, first by ice building up beneath the roadbeds and then by traffic battering them down again after the ice has melted. Water seeps beneath roadbeds continually during the winter and is trapped there by frozen subsoil. As it accumulates, it exerts irresistible pressure forcing the road upward in humps and ridges. When this melting occurs gradually, roads usually settle without damage. But when it occurs suddenly and repeatedly, the pavement tends to crack. Older secondary roads are especially susceptible to cracking and unevenness. At this time it is not possible to predict the extent of damage, but January's prolonged cold spell, unbroken by thaw until nearly the end of the month could be taken as a hopeful sign. On the other hand, a continued build-up of sub-surface ice, followed by unusually warm weather in March or April could be destructive.

THE PARTY LINE:

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND EXPO 1970 in Japan, it is interesting to note one mode of traveling in Tokyo, as told by friends who were there recently. They travelled about the city by taxi. . .there they are called Kamikaze Cabs, after the God of the Wind. Travelling sixty miles an hour on the main streets is quite an experience! The trick is to catch a solid color cab. Two-tone cabs are issued to novice drivers. If, after eight years, the novice has maintained a safe driving record, he gets a solid color cab!

THE KOLBURN SCHOOL was founded in 1947 in Norwalk, Conn. It is a Boarding and Day school enrolling 68 boys and girls from all parts of the country and overseas. Twelve day students, six to sixteen years of age, in classes from kindergarten through Grade Ten. The Kolburne Sheltered Workshop is federally approved and licensed.

The school recently moved to a 954 acre campus in New Marlborough, Mass. It is academically accredited by the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. It is also licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, and approved as a psychiatric treatment facility by the Federal Government Ochsampus program. The State Departments of Education of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and others, have given similar approval to the school. The teaching faculty of about twelve hold degrees from all over the United States. The staff consists of seven full-time teacher aides and recreation staff, three registered nurses and L.P.N.'s. There are fourteen office maintenance, housekeeping, and kitchen personnel. Sidney Weinstein, the Executive Director, holds an M. A. degree and is a doctoral candidate in Special Education at Columbia University. Mrs. Jean Weinstein, Director and Registrar, holds an M.A. Degree in Special Education from Columbia. Mr. Luma L. Kolburne, Consultant Director, holds a degree in psychology from Columbia University.

All of the above makes up a school that is dedicated to the proposition that all children need a successful educational experience in depth to attain their true intellectual potential. The school provides a highly professional treatment center servicing sixty emotionally frustrated and/or disturbed boys and girls all of whom, upon entrance, must be functionally and educationally below grade level and sufficiently disturbed to warrant placement.

THE SERMONETTE

"Being Alive Today"

What a good time to be alive! Yet daily some person is despairing over life, doubting that anything will ever come out right again. No one has to look far to find plenty of things that are "out of joint." But this is no signal for despair.

One man may say, "It takes nerve to live today" and another may say, "It takes faith in God." They actually may be saying much the same thing. To live courageously in our time--or any time--is to believe that however much there is disorder around us, there is a force in the universe working toward order.

However much there is conflict, there is also a force that moves toward reconciliation. I choose to call this force the spirit of God that moves through all life. What do you call it? Perhaps the name you give it doesn't matter greatly. But if you believe in this force, you too can affirm, "What a good time to be alive!"

Virgil V. Brallier

GOULD FARM IN ITS 57th YEAR

Gould Farm is an important part of the Monterey community. It is located off Route 23, about two miles from the center of the town. It comprises about 600 acres, of which 160 are under cultivation.

The Farm was founded in 1913, and throughout the years it has adhered to its original purpose of providing a haven for the temporary rest and rehabilitation of the emotionally troubled. Persons with a serious drug addiction or advanced alcoholics cannot be admitted, nor can those with brain damage, acute psychoses or active suicidal tendencies.

The average guest population during the winter months is about forty-five. Staff with their dependents make up a total population of eighty, rising to 125 or more during the spring and summer.

Gould Farm is a working farm, with a large herd of beef cattle, milking cows, horses, sheep, pigs, 350 chickens, and extensive vegetable gardens. An important part of the Farm's food requirements are supplied.

It is religion-oriented, but is open to the troubled of all races, of all religions.

A work program is an essential part of the therapy for both men and women. The Farm's Director of Guest Services, the Reverend Virgil V. Brallier, Ph.D., who serves the Farm twenty-five hours a week in addition to acting as Pastor of the United Church of Monterey, is assisted by three other counselors and a devoted staff who in all their daily functions dispense a considerable amount of TLC.

The rates of Gould Farm are moderate, and are adjusted in case of financial need. In all its fifty-six years, no troubled person who could benefit from its friendly, community-type environment has ever been turned away for lack of money. Friends of the Farm supply some \$40,000 a year in scholarship funds, and for fifty-six years (and this is important for fellow townsmen to know), the Farm has voluntarily paid the going tax rate on all its commercial buildings. Its population also pay other town, state and federal expenses of which Monterey benefits, such as excise tax, various local licenses, etc., just like all other citizens. And from the beginning the Farm has sought to be an integral part of the town's life, taking care of its own special requirements as a family-type, therapeutic community and at all times being open to sharing its life with fellow townsmen and the community at large.

A warm welcome is extended to any who wish to visit and see first-hand the humanitarian work carried on at the Farm.

WHY A MONTEREY NEWSPAPER? A number of persons in the Monterey Church felt that the town suffered because we didn't have a way to communicate with each other. This media is an attempt to fill that gap. The Parish Council recommended that finances to support the paper for 1970 be provided.

Several principles are to guide its publication. It is to serve the whole community. It is to be available for all organizations, and to encourage a creative spirit in the community.

It is the nature of infant ventures to stumble. We hope to learn by our mistakes, and we gladly welcome ideas, suggestions, yes, and criticisms. We need assistance if we are to grow. So as we venture into the communication gap, we look for your views, that we may serve you better.

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